

## **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

12. (New) A deformation element, comprising two first side walls that are spaced apart and are joined together by two second side walls that are spaced apart, the first and second side walls have first and second grooves that run transverse to the longitudinal direction of the vehicle and are arranged in pairs opposite each other, each in a common plane, the first grooves extend over an entire width of the first side walls and the second grooves extend over only a middle part of the second side walls, leaving a groove-free region at both edges, the first grooves being arranged in pairs in first planes and the second grooves being arranged in pairs in second planes situated between two subsequent first planes.

13. (New) A combination comprising: a bumper; and a deformation element attached to the bumper, the deformation element having two first side walls that are spaced apart and are joined together by two second side walls that are spaced apart, the first and second side walls have first and second grooves that run transverse to the longitudinal direction of the vehicle and are arranged in pairs opposite each other, each in a common plane, the first grooves extend over an entire width of the first side walls and the second grooves extend over only a middle part of the second side walls, leaving a groove-free region at both edges, the first grooves being arranged in pairs in first planes and the second grooves being arranged in pairs in second planes situated between two subsequent first planes.